

## **REMARKS**

In the Office Action dated April 7, 2004, the Office objected to the pending claim in view of several objections to the specification as set forth more clearly in the most recent Office Action. Among those objections, the Office objected to the use of the name 'LARA' in view of a UPOV disclosure of a Nectarine cultivar named 'LARA' in Argentina in 1995. Still further, the Office asked for more information regarding a comparison between the female parent and the observed plant and how it differs from the other. Still further, the Office asked for a comparison between the observed plant 'LARA' and how it differs from other known cultivars.

In response to the queries posed by the Office, the Applicants have amended the specification to address the several objections raised by the Office.

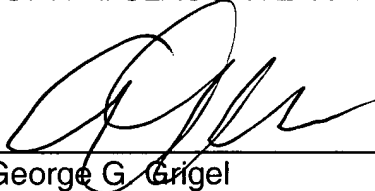
In view of amendments to the specification as provided herewith, it would appear that this application now is in condition for allowance and prompt Notice of Allowance of the current application is courteously solicited in the Office's next action.

Applicant, by and through their counsel, would request that the Office telephone the attorneys in the event that a further telephone conference could expedite the prompt handling of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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